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### TYPES OF LICENSES AND FEES

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| **Resident Bird and Fish License** | $ 2.00 |
| **Resident Big Game** | 1.00 |
| **Sportsman License** | 5.00 |
| **Non-Resident Seasonal Fishing License** | 5.00 |
| **Non-Resident 10-Day Limited Fishing** | 2.50 |
| **Non-Resident Bird** | 10.00 |
| **Non-Resident Big Game** | 30.00 |
| **Alien Fishing** | 10.00 |
| **Alien Bird** | 30.00 |
| **Alien Big Game** | 50.00 |

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| **Trapper's License** | $10.00 |
| **Land Owner's Trapping License** | 1.00 |
| **Resident Fur Dealer's License (Each County)** | 1.00 |
| **Non-Resident Dealer's License** | 25.00 |
| **Beaver Permits** (to land owners or lessees only) | 10.00 |
| **Fur Farmer's License** | (no fee) |
| **Taxiderm st's License** | $15.00 |
| **Guide's License** | 10.00 |

**Shipping Permits** ..... .50

(Shipping permits are obtained either direct from this office or from Deputy Game Wardens and are necessary when any resident ships any fish, game animals or parts thereof out of the State. Non-Residents may ship their fish or game without a permit upon presenting the proper license to the express agent or postmaster.)

**Save Wild Life by Preventing Fires—Make Sure Your Fire is Completely Out and Leave a Clean Camp.**

**Game Animals**—Deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, goat, and bear.

**Fur-Bearing Animals**—Marten or sable, otter, fox, muskrat, fisher, mink, raccoon, and beaver.

**Predatory Animals**—Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, lynx, weasel, skunk and civet cat, black-footed ferret, and bobcat.

**Game Fish**—Mountain trout, cutthroat or native trout, rainbow, grayling, steelhead trout, Dolly Varden trout, Loch Leven trout, Chinook Salmon, Silver Salmon, Sock-eye Salmon, Rocky Mountain whitefish, perch, ringed perch, large mouth black bass, small mouth black bass, Great Northern pike, pike, wall-eyed pike, yellow pike, Mackinaw trout.

**Upland Game Birds**—Sharptailed grouse, blue grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, fool hen, ruffed grouse, quail, Chinese pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ptarmigan and wild turkey.

**Migratory Game Birds**—Waterfowl, including wild ducks wild geese, brant and swans; cranes, including little brown sandhill coots and whooping cranes, rails, including gallinules, sora or other rails, shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitcher, gotwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets, and yellowlegs; and mourning or turtle doves.

**Non-Game Brids**—All wild birds not defined herein as upland game birds or migratory game birds, shall be deemed non-game birds.

# Fishing Regulations

**EFFFECTIVE MAY 25, 1941**

To be in full force and effect until May 23, 1942, unless otherwise specified, subject to change, however, by the Commission prior to that date. For up-to-date information, inquire of your License Dealer, Sportsman's Club or Deputy Game Warden.

**Regular Open Season:** May 25 to November 16, both dates inclusive.

**Regular Closed Season:** November 17 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Hours of Fishing:** Open from 5 o'clock a. m., to 9:30 o'clock p. m.

Licenses not required for children under fifteen years of age.

All waters not mentioned in these Regulations are open to fishing for all species of fish during the

**Regular open season.**

The Bag Limit shall be fifteen (15) fish or fifteen (15) pounds and one fish, (not more than five (5) of which shall be under seven (7) inches in length, in any one day, except perch, sunfish and bullheads the limit shall be fifty (50) fish per day, and not more than one day's limit in possesison. The limit on Crappie and Bream shall be fifteen (15) fish or fifteen (15) pounds and one fish. It is hereby declared to be the intention of this regulation to provide that fifteen fish with a net weight of not more than fifteen pounds and one fish of any and all game fish, shall constitute the limit for a day's fishing, and possession limit. This regulation shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been dried, salted or otherwise cured), except in the follwoing waters:

Georgetown Lake in Deer Lodge County, the limit shall be ten (10) fish; Flathead Lake in Lake County and Flathead County; in Whitefish Lake in Flathead County, and in Silver Lake in Deer Lodge County, the limit on Sockeye Salmon shall be thirty-five fish per day, and not more than two (2) day's limit in possession; seventy (70) fish, and in Golden Trout Lakes in Gallatin County; and in Ashley Lake in Flathead County, the limit shall be five (5) fish or an aggregate of ten (10) pounds and one fish.

**Means of Taking:** Only with hook, line or pole in hand, unless set-line fishing is specifically mentioned. Spears, seines, snares, or traps, unlawful to use or have in possession, except that portion of the Missouri River from the mouth of the Milk River to the Mon-

tana-Dakota line shall be open to hoop net fishing with a net of not less than two-inch mesh and not more than nine feet in length and with a suitable and conspicuous float or floats attached to the net. At all times a metal license tag must be attached to net. Only one license shall be issued to a person at a fee of five dollars per season, from May 25, 1941 to October 1, 1941, both dates inclusive.

Salmon eggs absolutely prohibited.

Set-lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated.

Floats on set-lines prohibited.

Any ground or chipped meats used in any manner while fishing absolutely prohibited. (This does not prohibit the use of meat for bait.)

The Yellowstone River from its mouth to east line of Sweet Grass County, except between Intake Dam and the ferry landing in Dawson County, the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone from its mouth to the Red Bridge one mile north of the town of Belfry, the Missouri except that portion in Lewis and Clark and Cascade Counties between the Morony Dam and the Holter Dam and Kootenai River, shall be open to set-line fishing for **Ling** only, in open water and through the ice, during the entire year.

It shall be unlawful to use or have in possession minnows in the following counties and areas:

Flathead County and Flathead Lake in its entirety; Lincoln County in its entirety; the Boulder River above the Natural Bridge in Sweet Grass County; the Madison River from Meadow Lake Dam to Yellowstone Park, including Meadow and Hebgen Lakes in Gallatin and Madison Counties, and all waters tributary to the Gibson Reservoir in Lewis and Clark, Teton, Musselshell, Petroleum and Golden Valley Counties.

The following rivers shall be open to fishing for all species of fish during the entire year, in open waters and through the ice: Yellowstone, Kootenai, Milk, Missouri, (except in Lewis and Clark, Cascade, Broadwater and Gallatin Counties, only ice fishing for Whitefish shall be allowed); Missoula River (or Clark's Fork of the Columbia River), from below Power Company dam at Milltown, to the Idaho line, shall be open to fishing during the entire year, and ice fishing therein for all species of fish shall be allowed; Flathead River from Flathead Lake to its confluence with the Missoula River, and the Clark's Fork of the Columbia River to the Idaho line; Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River from its mouth to the Wyoming state line.

The Musselshell River shall be open to fishing for all species of fish during the entire year in **open water,** from county line of Wheatland and Golden Valley Counties to the Missouri River, set-lines may be used.

The hours of fishing shall be suspended on that portion of the Missouri River from the Morony Dam to the Dakota line.

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below all dams prohibited, with the exception of that portion of the Madison River from the Meadow Lake Dam to the Bozeman-Norris Bridge, which shall be closed to all fishing. (This subject to change by the National Defense Board).

**Beaverhead County.**

**Closed Waters:** The stream leading from the Decker Rearing Pond at Armstead, to Horse Prairie Creek, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Open Entire Year:** The closed season shall be suspended entirely on Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes in Beaverhead County and the streams flowing into these lakes and all streams flowing from these lakes for a distance of two (2) miles shall remain closed to all fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive, except Brown's Lake on Rock Creek and Elk Lake on the Upper Centennial shall be open during the regular season.

**Blaine County.**

**Other Than Regular Season:** Clear Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains, flowing through Hill and Blaine Counties, into the Milk River; and Birch Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains, to where it flows into the Missouri River, through Chouteau and Blaine Counties, shall be closed to fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

Cow Creek rising in the Bear Paw Mountains and flowing into the Missouri River, shall be closed to fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive of each year.

**Big Horn County.**

**Open Entire Year:** Little Horn River and the Big Horn River are open to fishing during the entire year.

**Broadwater County.**

**Closed Waters:** That portion of Crow Creek from the South Fork of said stream to its source, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

That portion of Deep Creek from the mouth of the Russell Fork to its source, including Russell Fork of Deep Creek, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Carbon County.**

**Closed Waters:** The following described portion of the First West Fork of Rock Creek shall be closed to all fishing permanently: Beginning at a point where the mouth of the First West Fork of Rock Creek empties into the main stream of Rock Creek in Sec. 5, Twp. 8, S., Rge. 20 E.; thence westerly up said First West Fork of Rock Creek, a distance of about 7 miles to a point where Washoe Creek empties into the First West Fork of Rock Creek, which point is near Wild Bill's Lake in Sec. 3, Twp. 8 S., Rge. 19 E., M. P. M.

The headwaters of Bluewater Creek and all tributaries and springs above the mouth of Frosty Jack Creek shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes in Carbon County shall be closed to fishing October 1, 1941 and shall remain closed until May 23, 1942, both dates inclusive.

The main Bluewater Creek shall be open to fishing from the point commonly known as the Fork of Frosty Jack Creek to its confluence with the Clark's Fork from October 15 to March 14, both dates inclusive, and closed from March 15 to October 14.

**Cascade County.**

That portion of the Missouri River between Maroney Dam and the Holter Dam shall be closed to fishing with set-lines.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The Tintinger Sloughs of the Missouri River shall be closed to all fishing from May 10 to September 30, both dates inclusive of each year.

**Chouteau County.**

**Closed Waters:** All tributaries of the North Fork and South Fork of Highwood Creek, within the Lewis and Clark National Forest; all the North Fork of Highwood Creek, above Cow Gulch; and all the South Fork of Highwood Creek, above Big Coulee, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Highwood Creek and all tributaries inside of the boundaries of the Lewis and Clark National Forest shall be closed to all fishing.

All that portion of the Right-Hand Fork of Shonkin Creek and its tributaries, lying above the forks of said stream near the Todd Ranch, in the SW¼ of Sec. 3, Twp. 20 N., Rge. 9 E., and all that portion of the Left-Hand Fork of Shonkin Creek and its tributaries, lying above where said creek forks in Sec. 12, Twp. 20 N., Rge. 9 E., shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Birch Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains to where it flows

into the Missouri River, through Chouteau and Blaine Counties, Big Sandy Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains and Big Box Elder Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains, running through Hill and Chouteau Counties, to where it empties into Big Sandy Creek, shall be closed to fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Custer County.**

**Closed Waters:** Lakes Garberson and Keough shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Daniels County.**

**Open Entire Year and Ice Fishing:** The closed season shall be suspended entirely on the Poplar River and Wolf Creek, and they shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish.

**Dawson County.**

**Closed Waters:** That portion of the Yellowstone River between Intake Dam and the ferry landing, shall be closed to fishing with set-lines.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Red Butte Dam and Deer Creek Reservoir open to fishing from May 25 to September 30, both dates inclusive.

**Deer Lodge County.**

**Closed Waters:** Flint Creek and tributaries, from its source to where it flows into Georgetown Lake, and Georgetown Lake, for a distance of 300 feet on either side of the mouth of Flint Creek, and for a distance of 300 feet from the shore, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

Big Spring in Georgetown Lake, in an area designated by piles or buoys, for a distance of 200 feet north and south on the shore line from the pumping station and 300 feet from the shore line out into the lake, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

That part of Stewart Mill Creek, above where the fence crosses it on Bowman's pasture, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

California Creek, from the upper Forks to the headwaters, and American Creek from the dam to its source, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The hours of fishing in Georgetown Lake shall be from 8 o'clock a. m., to 5 o'clock p. m., from January 1 to March 21, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed to all fishing from March 22 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

All lakes in Deer Lodge County with the exception of Silver and Georgetown Lakes, shall be closed to all fishing from March 1 to June 30, both dates inclusive of each year.

Storm Lakes shall be open to fishing in open waters from July 1, to November 1, both dates inclusive.

Race Track Creek and tributary streams from Danielsville to their source, shall be closed to all fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** Ice Fishing for all species shall be allowed in Silver Lake during the regular open season.

Ice fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake, between the hours of noon to 5 o'clock p. m., Saturdays, and between 8 o'clock a. m., to 5 o'clock p. m., Sundays and legal holidays from January 1, 1942 to March 21, 1942, both dates inclusive; provided, however, that in case the said ice fishing is depleting the lake too rapidly, the State Fish and Game Warden shall have authority to close the same upon five days' notice, the same to be published in a newspaper within Deer Lodge County.

During the above open season it shall be unlawful for any person to catch more or take from the waters of Georgetown Lake more than ten (10) fish in the aggregate in any one day, and it shall be unlawful for a person to be in possession of more than ten (10) fish at any one time.

**Fergus County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Judith River, from the mouth of Big Spring Creek to the mouth of the Judith River, shall be open to fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Spring and Warm Spring Creeks shall be open to fishing from April 1, to December 31, both dates inclusive, and closed from January 1 to March 31, both dates inclusive.

Crystal Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1st, to March 14th, both dates inclusive.

**Flathead County.**

**Closed Waters:** Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below all dams shall be prohibited during the entire year. (This subject to change by National Defense Board.)

Logan Creek from the inlet of Tally Lake to the Fourth Bridge, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year, in addition to (500) feet into the lake from the mouth of the stream, which shall also be closed.

Swan River from the bridge at Bigfork to the hydro-electric plant, a distance of approximately 600 feet shall be closed on each side of the river during the entire year.

Swift Creek shall be closed between the Upper Whitefish Lake and Lower Whitefish Lake.

Smith Lake shall be closed to all fishing.

Herrig Creek, in Flathead County, a tributary of Bitter Root Lake, and Bitter Root Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions, from where Herrig Creek enters Bitter Root Lake, shall be closed to all fishing.

Rand Creek, Wade Creek, Fish Creek and Cottonwood Creek, tributaries of Ashley Lake, shall be closed to all fishing, and Ashley Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these tributaries enter Ashley Lake shall be closed to all fishing.

Hatchery, or Rand Bay, shall be closed to all fishing.

Ashley Lake for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from the outlet shall be closed, and three hundred (300) feet below the outlet shall be closed to fishing.

**Open Entire Year:** The closed season shall be suspended entirely on Flathead Lake, and fishing therein allowed during the entire year in open waters and through the ice, except that portion one thousand (1,000) feet into the lake, from the confluence of the Flathead and Swan Rivers, same marked by buoys, shall be closed from March 15th, 1942, to May 23, 1942, both dates inclusive, and that portion in front of Somers Hatchery property lines, to three hundred (300) feet out in lake, shall be closed to all fishing during State spawn taking operations in fall.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Samson, Skyles, Spencer, Beaver, Dollar, Murray, Chinook, Doyle and Hanson Lakes shall be open to fishing for all species of fish from October 1 to June 30, both dates inclusive, and ice fishing for all species of fish shall be permitted from October 1 to June 30th.

That section of Flathead River, known as Foy's Bend, which lies between the Old Stillwater Channel below Demersville Landing, to the mouth of Ashley Creek, shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to September 30, both dates inclusive of each year, in addition to the regular closed season.

Rogers Lake shall be closed to fishing from March 15 to August 31, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

Big Ashley Lake shall be closed to fishing from March 15 to June 14, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

Flathead River, to and including Bad Rock Canyon, shall be closed to fishing from February 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** Middle Ashley, Swan and Echo Lakes shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish only during the regular open season.

Whitefish Lake shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish from May 25 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

**Bass Fishing:** Lake Five, Lake Blaine, Half Moon Lake, Egans Slough, Peterson Lake and Flathead Lake shall be open to Bass fishing during the regular open season; all other Bass waters in Flathead County shall be closed to Bass fishing from May 10 to June 30, both dates inclusive of each year.

**Gallatin County.**

**Closed Waters:** The Madison River and tributary streams from Hebgen Dam to Cabin Creek shall be closed permanently to all fishing.

That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the City of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake, shall be closed to all fishing. That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from Story Street crossing to Keggy Lane shall be closed to all fishing.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes in Gallatin County (except Hebgen Lake) shall be closed to all fishing fromNovember 15th, to June 30th, both dates inclusive. The creel limit in Golden Trout Lakes shall be five (5) fish per day.

Portal, Cascade and Buffalo Horn Creeks and all tributary streams shall be closed to all fishing from November 15th to June 30th, both dates inclusive.

All the waters in Townships 1 and 2 North, Range 3, 4, and 5 East; and all waters in Townships 1 and 2 South, Ranges 3, 4, and 5 East; shall be closed to fishing from September 15 to November 30th, both dates inclusive of each year, and the regular season suspended.

Madison River, Duck Creek and the South Fork of the Madison above Hebgen Dam in Montana shall be closed to all fishing from October 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

Hebgen Lake and tributary streams above Hebgen Dam in Montana (except Madison River, Duck Creek and the South Fork) shall be closed to all fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Granite County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The closed season shall be suspended entirely on the Missoula River from the mouth of Hell Gate Canyon to its confluence with the Flathead River; and the same shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish.

**Closed Waters:** Flint Creek and its tributaries, from its source to the Deer Lodge County line shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Little Fred Burr Lake and Big Fred Burr Lake are closed to fishing.

The West Fork of Rock Creek above the Flume Crossing shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Ranch Creek, a tributary of Rock Creek from its source to the Ranger Station.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes in Granite County, except Moose and Echo Lakes, shall be closed to all fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

The East Fork of Rock Creek above the reservoir to its source shall be closed to all fishing from March 15 to July 1, both dates inclusive.

The hours of fishing in Georgetown Lake shall be from 8 o'clock a. m., to 5 o'clock p. m., from January 1, to March 21, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed to all fishing from March 22, to December 31, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** Ice fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake, between the hours of noon to 5 o'clock p. m., Saturdays and between 8 o'clock a. m., to 5 o'clock p. m., Sundays and legal holidays from January 1, to March 21, both dates inclusive; provided, however, that in case the said ice fishing is depleting the Lake too rapidly, the State Fish and Game Warden shall have authority to close the same upon five days' notice, the same to be published in a newspaper within Granite County.

During the above open season it shall be unlawful for any person to catch more or take from the waters of Georgetown Lake more than ten (10) fish in the aggregate in any one day, of the variety of fish designated as game fish; and it shall be unlawful for a person to be in possession of more than ten (10) fish at any one time.

**Hill County.**

**Open Entire Year:** Milk River shall be open to fishing during the entire year, and fishing therein through the ice for all species of fish shall be allowed, and set-lines shall be permitted.

**Closed Waters:** O'Brien Reservoir shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Clear Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains, flowing through Hill and Blaine Counties into the Milk River shall be closed to fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive of each year.

All streams, except the Milk River, shall be closed from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

**Jefferson County.**

**Closed Waters:** Warm Springs and Golconda Creeks, tributaries to the Big Prickly Pear, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Those portions of Delmo Lake from red painted granite boulders to where Haney Creek, International Creek and O'Neil Creek enter said lake, shall be closed to all fishing.

Crow Creek shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Ice Fishing:** The Jefferson River shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish, during the regular open season.

**Judith Basin County.**

**Other Than Regular Season:** Ackley Lake shall be opened to fishing from June 1 to August 31, both dates inclusive, and the creel limit to be five (5) fish, or fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

**Lake County.**

Night fishing (5 o'clock p. m. to 8 o'clock a. m.) shall be prohibited in Flathead Lake in Lake and Flathead Counties between the dates of October 10 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

The limit on Sockeye Salmon shall be thirty-five fish per day in Flathead Lake, and not more than two days' limit in possession, seventy (70) fish.

**Open Entire Year:** The closed season shall be suspended on Flathead Lake in Lake County during the entire year, and fishing therein shall be allowed.

The closed season shall be suspended on that portion of the Flathead River from the Flathead Lake to the confluence of the Flathead River and the Missoula River, and on the Clark's Fork of the Columbia River to the Idaho state line, and ice fishing for all species of fish in these waters shall be allowed.

**Closed Waters:** Donaldson, Bond, Hall, Porcupine and Freeland Creeks tributary streams of Lake Mary Ronan, shall be closed to fishing permanently; also three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these creeks enter Lake Mary Ronan shall be closed permanently.

**Other Than Regular Season:** That portion of Nine Pipe Reservoir from the east boundary to permanent markers northwest of Highway No. 93, shall be closed to all fishing from April 15th to July 25th, both dates inclusive and same portion shall also be closed to fishing during duck hunting season, and during periods not mentioned this portion shall be open to fishing. The balance of Nine Pipe Reservoir will be open to fishing from July 1st to May 9th, both dates inclusive.

Pablo Reservoir shall be closed to all fishing from April 15 to July 25, both dates inclusive, and shall also be closed during duck hunting season.

Kicking Horse shall be open to fishing for all species of fish from July 1 to May 9, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** Skagg Lake, Nine Pipe, Pablo and Kicking Horse Reservoirs shall be open to ice fishing during the regular open season.

Swan Lake shall be open to ice fishing during the regular open season.

All streams and rivers in Lake County shall be open to ice fishing for Whitefish from May 25 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

**Lewis and Clark County.**

That portion of the Missouri River between Marony Dam and Holter Dam, shall be closed to fishing with set-lines.

Fishing within three hundred (300) feetbelow the Holter, Hauser and Canyon Ferry Dams shall be prohibited during the entire year.

**Closed Waters:** Marsh Creek, a tributary to the Little Prickly Pear; Canyon Creek, above the upper bridge of the Flesher Pass road, including Virginia and Little Trout Creek; Skelly, Colorado, Sweeney and Walker Creeks, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

That portion of the South Fork of the Dearborn River and all tributaries from the Upper Bridge to their source shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Hope and Dog Creeks shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

Beaver, Leavitt and Lang Creeks, tributaries to Sun River, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Beaver Creek, emptying into the Missouri River, shall be closed to fishing from October 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

Trout Creek emptying into Hauser Lake shall be closed to all fishing from October 1 to November 30th, both dates inclusive in addition to the regular closed season except that portion of Trout Creek, and the tributaries to same, from the lower end of the Clyde Welch Ranch to the source of the stream, shall be closed to all fishing until May 23, 1942.

Prickly Pear Creek shall be closed from its mouth to the upper line of the Sieben Ranch from October 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

Lyon and Wolf Creeks shall be closed from October 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive, in addition to the regular closed season.

Willow Creek Reservoir in Lewis and Clark County shall be closed to fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

The Sun River shall be closed to all fishing from Gibson Dam to the mouth of Big George Creek from September 1, until May 23, both dates inclusive.

The following tributaries to the Big Blackfoot River in Lewis and Clark County shall be closed to all fishing from July 1st, 1941 to May 23, 1942, both dates inclusive: Keep Cool, Sucker, Liverpool, Park, Stonewall, Beaver, Little Beaver, Lincoln, Seven-Up-Pete, Humbug, Poorman, Lower Willow and Sauerkraut.

**Liberty County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Marias River shall be open to fishing in open waters during the entire year.

**Closed Waters:** Half Breed Creek and tributary streams shall be closed from the line fence at the Hi Smith ranch house to its source.

Bear Gulch shall be closed to all fishing for the entire year.

**Lincoln County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The following lakes shall be open to fishing for all species of fish in open waters and thru the ice during the entire year: Leone, Crystal and Rainbow Lakes, near Happys Inn, Mills or Marl Lake, Dickey, Timber, O'Brien, Sophia, Moran, Carpenter, Rock and Frank or Island Lakes in the Eureka district; also Bull, Savage, Spar and Grouse Lakes in the Troy district.

The following waters shall be open to fishing for all species of fish in open waters during the entire year: Yaak River from the mouth to the falls; O'Brien Creek from the mouth to the city dam, Star Creek from the mouth to the falls; Lake Creek from the mouth to the Power Company dam; Loon Lake and Dudley Slough in the Eureka district, Horseshoe, Bootjack and Lavon Lakes near Happys Inn.

**Closed Waters:** That the following waters be closed to fishing during the entire year: Slimmer Creek (to protect the Logan Park water supply), Flower Creek from the power dam to its source, including its entire watershed (to protect Libby water supply), O'Brien Creek from dam to its source (to protect Troy water supply), Alvord or Cowells Lake near Troy.

That Kilbrennan Lake shall be closed to all fishing from September 16 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Other Than Regular Season:** That the following lakes shall be open to fishing for all species of fish in open waters from July 1 to November 15, of each year: Upper and Lower Geiger Lakes; Upper and Lower Cedar Lakes; Minor Lake, Bramblet Lake and Leigh Lake.

Martin Lake shall be closed to all fishing during October and November of each year.

**Madison County.**

**Closed Waters:** That portion of the Madison River from Meadow Lake dam to Bozeman-Norris bridge shall be closed to all fishing.

Meadow Creek, below the point where the electric transmission line of the Montana Power Company crosses said creek to all points 1,000 feet into Meadow Lake, from the mouth of said streams, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Albro, Hansen, Grant, Bell and Mason Lakes and Duncan Reservoir, in the Willow Creek drainage area, shall be closed until July 1st of each year, in addition to the regular closed season.

The Ruby River shall be closed to fishing from the Ruby River Dam to the Anderson sheep bridge.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Crater Lakes shall be closed to all fishing from November 16, until June 15, both dates inclusive in addition to the regular closed season.

The Madison River and tributary streams from Meadow Lake to Cabin Creek shall be closed to all fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

Meadow Lake and tributary streams shall be closed to all fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

That portion of the Madison River or Meadow Lake from the Pontoon Bridge to Meadow Lake Dam shall be closed to all fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

The Madison River Channel from where O'Dell Creek empties into it to where the Channel empties into the Madison River, shall be closed to all fishing from October 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

O'Dell Creek and all tributaries, with the exception of Bear Creek, shall be closed to all fishing from October 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive of each year.

The inlet to Wade Lake, and Wade Lake, for a distance of 100 feet in all directions from the mouth of the inlet, shall be closed to all fishing from March 15 to July 1, both dates inclusive of each year.

Spring Creek and that portion of the Madison River known as the Old Cooley Channel, up to where Spring Creek enters it, shall be closed to all fishing from October 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

Willow Creek Reservoir shall be closed to all fishing from August 25, 1941 to May 23, 1942, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** The Jefferson River from Parson's bridge to the Gallatin County line shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish, during the regular open season.

**McCone County.**

**Closed Waters:** Bjorge Dam shall be closed to all fishing.

**Meagher County.**

**Closed Waters:** Eight Mile Creek and tributaries in their entirety, North Fork of Smith River and its tributaries from Lake Sutherlin to the Meachen ranch house, Newland Creek and tributary streams from where it leaves the highway near the Newland Creek Ranger Station, to their headwaters, Spring Creek from its mouth to the mouth of Whitetail Creek (this Spring Creek is near the Musselshell Ranger Station), Flagstaff Creek and tributaries to their headwaters, Checkerboard Creek and tributary streams to their headwaters. North Fork of the Musselshell and tributary streams, from North Fork Lake (Lake Harris) to their headwaters, North Fork of Musselshell from Durand road crossing, at Neumann ranch, to the North Fork (Lake Harris Dam), shall be closed to all fishing from May 25, 1941, to May 23, 1942.

**Mineral County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Missoula (or Clark's Fork of the Columbia) River, from the Bonner Dam to the Idaho line, shall be open to fishing during the entire year, and ice fishing for all species of fish therein shall be allowed.

**Closed Waters:** All tributaries of the Saint Regis River, with the following exceptions, shall be closed to all fishing: St. Joe Creek, 12-Mile Creek, Big Creek, Packer and Silver Creeks, which are open to fishing during the regular open season.

Pearl Lake and Oregon Lakes shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Trail Lake, Heart Lake Bonanza Lakes, Hoodoo Lakes, Crystal Lake, Heather or Diamond Lake, Clear Lake, Rock Lake, Hub Lake, Square Lake, Gold Lake, Eagle Lake, Cliff Lake and Hazel Lakes shall be open to fishing for all species of fish from July 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive of each year, and closed during the remainder of the year.

**Missoula County.**

All streams and rivers in Missoula County shall be closed to all fishing for Whitefish from September 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and open to fishing for Whitefish from December 1 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

**Closed Waters:** The West Fork of the Clearwater, in Township 18 North, Range 16 West, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Rattlesnake Creek from the Montana Power Company Dam to its source in Missoula County shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

The following waters shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year: The West Fork of the Clearwater River and all its tributaries, from its source to its mouth; Placid Creek, and all its tributaries, from its source to the bridge known as "the bridge to the Hunter Estate," approximately one mile from its mouth; East and West Twin Creeks, from their source to their confluence with the Blackfoot River; and O'Brien Creek and all its tributaries, from its source to its mouth, Belmont Creek and tributaries, Beaver Creek, Blanchard Creek, Trail Creek, Cooney Creek, Humble Creek, Spring or Birch Creek and Glacier Creek from Stoner's homestead to Glacier Lake.

**Open Entire Year:** The Missoula (or Clark's Fork of the Columbia River), from below Power Company Dam at Milltown, to the Idaho line, shall be open to fishing during the entire year, and ice fishing therein for all species of fish shall be allowed.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The Three Cottonwood Lakes shall be closed to all fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive of each year, and open to fishing, in open waters, the remainder of the year.

Miller, Butler, Grant, Johnson, Twin Bear and Finley Creeks, shall be closed to all fishing from July 6 of each year, to and including May 23 of the following year.

Harper's Lake shall be open to fishing in open waters and through the ice from October 15, 1941, to March 14, 1942, both dates inclusive.

**Bass Fishing:** Rainy Lake, Lake Alva, Lake Inez, Seeley Lake, Placid Lake, and Salmon Lake, shall be open to fishing for Black Bass, from July 1 to May 10, of the following year, both dates inclusive. For other species of fish these lakes shall be governed by the regular season.

**Musselshell County.**

The Musselshell River shall be open to fishing, from the county line of Wheatland and Golden Valley Counties to the Missouri River, for non-game fishing during the entire year, through the ice or in open waters.

Miller Lake shall be closed to all fishing until May 23, 1942.

**Park County.**

**Closed Waters:** The East Fork and tributary streams in Sweet Grass and Park Counties shall be closed to all fishing until May 23, 1942.

Spring Creek and Bear Creek, in the Shields River Valley, and Aldrich Lake shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Rock Island, Fox, Kersey, Broadwater, Curl, Lady of Lake, Lake Abundance, Hidden, Carpenter, Charley White, Knox and Fish Lakes shall be closed to all fishing from November 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

Rock, Smeller, Cottonwood, Campfire or Hindu, Moose, Pear, Long, Glacier, Sunlite, Diamond and Cave Lakes shall be closed to fishing September 16 and remain closed until June 30 of the following year.

All other lakes in Park County shall be closed to fishing October 1 and shall remain closed until May 23 of the following year, with the exception of Dailey's Lake which closes October 1 and opens January 1. The closed season on Dailey's Lake shall be suspended, and it is open to ice fishing.

**Phillips County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Milk River and Nelson Reservoir shall be open to fishing during the entire year; and they shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish.

**Open Entire Year—Set-Lines:** The Nelson Reservoir shall be open to ice fishing with set-lines in open waters or through the ice, during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Big Peoples Creek, from its source in the Bear Paw Mountains to where it empties into the Milk River shall be closed to fishing from October 15 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Pondera County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Marias River shall be open to fishing in open waters.

**Closed Waters:** The waters in the ditch from Lake Francis to Conklin Gates, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The portion of Lake Francis, extending five hundred (500) feet in either direction from the "C" Canal, and 500 feet out in the lake, shall be closed to all fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

**Powell County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The closed season shall be suspended entirely on Cottonwood Creek, which flows through the town of Deer Lodge.

**Closed Waters:** Arastra Creek, from the Bill Steele Dude Ranch to its headwaters, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

The Little Blackfoot River from its headwaters to the lower boundary or line of the Little Blackfoot Meadows, Three Mile and Hope Creeks, tributaries to the Little Blackfoot River, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year. The remainder of the Little Blackfoot River and all other tributaries shall be governed by the regular open and closed seasons.

All streams and tributaries running into Cooper's Lake shall be closed during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The outlet to Cooper's Lake, from the Lake to the Blackfoot River, shall be closed to fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive of each year.

With the exception of Rock Creek Lake and Dolas Lake every lake and creek west and south of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway in Powell County within the Forest Boundary shall be closed from November 16 to July 1, both dates inclusive.

All lakes in Powell County shall be closed to all fishing from November 16 to June 30, both dates inclusive of each year.

Fishing for Whitefish shall not be permitted in the Blackfoot River from its confluence with the Clearwater River to the Lewis and Clark County line, September 1 to November 30, and open to fishing for Whitefish from December 1 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing::** Browns, Jones, Coopers and Opsata Lakes, shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish during the regular open season.

Ice fishing in Rock Creek Lake shall be permitted Sundays only, from 8 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. during the regular open season.

**Ravalli County.**

**Other Than Regular Season:** All streams and rivers in Ravalli County shall be closed to fishing for Whitefish, from September 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and open to fishing for Whitefish from December 1 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

**Roosevelt County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The closed season shall be suspended entirely on the Big Muddy River, a tributary to the Missouri River; on the Poplar River, on Wolf Creek and on Chelson Lake, and they shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish.

**Sanders County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Missoula (or Clark's Fork of the Columbia River) from the Bonner Dam to the Idaho line, and the Flathead River, from Flathead Lake, in Lake and Sanders Counties, shall be open to fishing during the entire year, and ice fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed.

**Closed Waters:** All tributaries to the Thompson River, except the following: The West Fork, Little Thompson River, Big Rock Creek and that portion of Fish Trap Creek from the mouth to Radio Creek, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The West Fork, the Little Thompson River, Big Rock Creek, and Lynch Creek shall be closed to all fishing from August 1 to May 23, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** Rainbow (or Dog) Lake, shall be open to fishing from November 16 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

Burgess Lake shall be open to ice fishing during the regular open season of each year.

**Sheridan County.**

**Open Entire Year—Ice Fishing:** Medicine Lake and the Big Muddy River, a tributary to the Missouri River, shall be open to fishing during the entire year, and they shall be open to ice fishing for all species of fish.

**Silver Bow County.**

**Closed Waters:** That branch of the Big Hole River known as the Butte Angler's Club Rearing Ponds, from the breakwater to where it flows back into the main channel of the Big Hole River (a distance of about a mile), shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Sweet Grass County.**

**Closed Waters:** The East Boulder River closed to fishing from the fence at the Anderson Hot Spring's buildings to its source.

The Yellowstone Sloughs from the State Fish Hatchery grounds to its confluence with the Yellowstone River shall be closed to fishing.

The creeks on the Elmer Budd ranch and the Newspalmer ranch, tributaries to the Boulder River, shall be closed in their entirety to all fishing during the entire year.

Lost Lake in the Boulder Valley, together with the outlet from the lake to its confluence with the main Boulder River shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

The East Fork and tributary streams in Sweet Grass and Park Counties shall be closed to all fishing until May 23, 1942.

The Upper Main Boulder River from Coles bridge to its headwaters in Sweet Grass County, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Meatrack Creek from its source to its confluence with Four Mile Creek, a tributary of the Main Boulder River, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Swamp Lake, Granite Lake, Twin Lakes, Crazy Lake, Cascade Lake, Hell Roaring Lake, Thunder Lake, Blue Lake, Moose Lake and Campfire or Hindu Lake shall be closed to fishing October 1 and remain closed until June 30 of the following year.

**Ice Fishing:** Glass Lindsay Lakes shall be open to fishing the entire year in open water and through the ice.

**Stillwater County.**

**Closed Waters:** West Rosebud River, from the head of Emerald Lake to the Mystic Lake power plant, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes in Stillwater County shall be closed to fishing October 1 and shall remain closed until May 23, of the following year.

**Teton County.**

**Closed Waters:** Big George, Hanan, Blacktail and Wagner Creeks shall be closed to all fishing.

The SW¼ of Section 3, Twp. 24, Rge. 5 West of Spring Creek shall be closed permanently to all fishing.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Pishkun Reservoir and Choteau Slough, South of Choteau on the Teton River, shall be closed to fishing from March 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

Split Rock Lake, West of Pishkun Reservoir, shall be closed to fishing from March 15 to September 30, both dates inclusive.

**Ice Fishing:** Split Rock Lake shall be open to ice fishing from October 1 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

**Toole County.**

**Closed Waters:** All lakes and reservoirs in Toole County except Virden Reservoir, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

The limit on all warm water species shall be fifteen (15) fish, or fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Virden Reservoir, three miles west of Shelby, shall be closed to all fishing until July 1 of each year, and shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 16, both dates inclusive.

**Open Entire Year:** The Marias River shall be open to fishing in open waters during the entire year, Glacier County included.

**Valley County.**

**Open Entire Year:** The Poplar River and the Milk River shall be open to fishing for all species of fish during the entire year, and they shall also be open to ice fishing for all species of fish.

**Wheatland County.**

**Closed Waters:** McVey Creek, from the rearing pond to its mouth, where it empties into Lebo Creek, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Lebo Lake shall be open to fishing in open water from June 20, 1941, to November 16, 1941, both dates inclusive.

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## 1941 ELK SEASON

In the event unforseen conditions would develop, resulting in undue slaughter of elk, the State Fish and Game Warden has authority to close or shorten the season upon five days' notice.

**Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the hunting of game of any kind within any game preserve or refuge now established or which may be hereafter established.**

**Elk Carcass to be Tagged:** Section 3685, Montana Fish and Game Laws— " . . . when any person shall take or kill any deer or elk under such license such person shall immediately thereafter detach from his license, and attach in plain sight to the carcass of said animal or animals, the proper tag, coupon or other marker, which said tag, coupon or other marker shall be kept attached thereto so long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains unconsumed."

**Report of Game Taken:** The report form as provided with big game license must be filled out and returned to the Fish and Game Commission, Helena, Montana, at the end of the big game season. This report to be filed whether game is taken or not. Failure to comply is a misdemeanor and punishable accordingly.

The regular open dates for elk hunting shall be from Octber 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive. All counties not mentioned herein shall be open during the regular season.

The following counties shall be closed in their entirety to elk hunting: Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Lake, Liberty, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux and Yellowstone.

**Beaverhead County.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Beaverhead County beginning at Wise River and following the Wise River along the forest road to Elkhorn Springs, thence following the county road to the Tash Ranch, thence to Jackson, and following the Big Hole River to point of beginning; excepting that portion within the boundaries of the Beaverhead Game Preserve, shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Open Area:** That portion of Beaverhead County lying north and west of the Big Hole River between Pintlar Creek and Trail Creek to be open to hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Deer Lodge and Silver Bow County:**

**Open Area:** Starting at the confluence of Jerry Creek with the Big Hole River; thence in a northerly direction up Jerry Creek to its source; thence following the ditch north into Greenland Gulch; thence down Greenland Gulch to German Gulch; thence down German Gulch to its intersection with the B. A. & P. Railroad; thence in a northwesterly direction along the B. A. & P. Railroad to its confluence with the Anaconda-Ralston Road; thence in a southerly direction along said road to Ralston; thence down the Big Hole River to the point of beginning. The above described area shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, providing that when 100 elk have been taken the State Game Warden shall have the authority to close the season on this area on three days' notice.

**Flathead, Missoula, Powell and Lewis & Clark Counties:**

**Open Area:** The following described area shall be open to the hunting of bull elk with forked horns from September 15 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive:

Beginning at the mouth of Black Bear Creek and following up Black Bear Creek to Rambler Creek; thence up Rambler Creek to Silver Tip Mountain; thence in a southeasterly direction on the watershed to Larch Pass on the Continental Divide; thence in a southerly direction on the Continental Divide to Triple Divide; thence in a westerly direction following the watershed to Crescent Mountain; thence in a northerly direction following the Swan Divide to Lion Creek Pass; thence west to Oreamus Peak, thence in a westerly direction to Stadium Peak following the divide to Marmot Mountain, and Hungry Mountain; thence down Slick Creek to its confluence with the South

Fork of the Flathead River; thence up the Flathead River to the mouth of Black Bear Creek, the point of beginning.

The following described area shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive:

Beginning at Kevan Mountain; thence in a northwesterly direction to Pot Mountain; thence following down Dolly Varden Creek to the Flathead River; thence up the Flathead River to Cox Creek; thence up Cox Creek to the Continental Divide; thence in an easterly direction to Badger Pass; thence in a southerly direction following the Continental Divide to Kevan Mountain, the point of beginning.

The remainder of the South Fork and Middle Fork drainage of the Flathead River, not including the closed Hungry Horse area, shall be open to the regular normal elk season from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, to the killing of elk of either sex.

**Flathead and Lincoln Counties:**

Shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex in Lincoln County and that portion of Flathead County on the watershed of the Pleasant Valley River to the Lincoln-Flathead County line on the west, for fifteen (15) days, December 1 to December 15, inclusive.

**Gallatin County.**

**Open Area:** Gallatin County, except that portion lying north of the township line between township three and four north, shall be open to the hunting of elk from October 15 to December 1, both dates inclusive; providing that when between 400 to 500 elk have been taken the State Game Warden shall have authority to close the season on two days' notice any time after the 15th of November.

**Glacier and Pondera Counties.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Glacier and Pondera counties lying between the Continental Divide and the Blackfoot Indian Reservation shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Granite County.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Granite County lying north of Highway No. 10 shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from November 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive. The remaining portion of the county shall be closed to elk hunting during the entire year.

**Judith Basin County.**

**Open Area:** The entire county of Judith Basin, with the exception of the game preserve shall be open to the hunting of bull elk from October 15th to November 15th, both dates inclusive; and that portion of Judith Basin County lying south and east of the South Fork of the Judith Basin River shall be open to the hunting of bull elk from November 16 to February 28, both dates inclusive.

**Lewis and Clark County.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Lewis and Clark County from the North Fork of the Dearborn River to the North Fork of Sun River, including that portion of the drainage of the North Fork of the Dearborn River lying west of the river above Blacktail Creek, shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive; and shall be open to the hunting of branched horn bull elk from November 16 to February 28, both dates inclusive; in the following drainage areas: Smith Creek, Ford Creek, Willow Creek, Beaver Creek and Leavitt Creek. The State Game Warden shall have the authority to close the season on two days' notice at any time after October 31.

**Open Area:** That portion of Lewis and Clark County beginning at a point where the Blackfoot River intersects the Lewis and Clark and Powell County line, thence following up the Blackfoot River to the mouth of Alice Creek, thence following Alice Creek to the mouth of Bear Creek; thence up Bear Creek to the Continental Divide; thence along the Continental Divide in a northerly and westerly direction to Olson Peak; thence in a southerly direction following the watershed between Landers Fork and the North Fork of the Blackfoot River to where this intersects the Lewis and Clark and Powell County line, thence in a southerly direction along the county line to the point of beginning, shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from November 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Open Area:** That portion of Lewis and Clark County lying west of the Continental Divide and west of the watershed between Landers Fork and the North Fork of the Blackfoot River shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 until November 15, both dates inclusive.

**(See Flathead)**

**Lincoln County.**

Shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex in Lincoln County and that portion of Flathead County on the watershed of the Pleasant Valley River to the Lincoln-Flathead County line on the west for fifteen (15) days, December 1 to December 15, inclusive.

**Madison County.**

**Open Area:** All that portion of Madison County lying north and east of the Madison River, shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to February 15, both dates inclusive; providing that the State Game Warden shall have authority to close the season on two days' notice any time after the 15th of November.

**Meagher County.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Meagher County shall be open to the hunting of bull elk from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, in the following described area: Beginning at the junction of Highways No. 6 and No. 89, following Highway No. 89 in a northerly direction to the Meagher County line; thence in an easterly direction along the Meagher and Judith Basin County lines to the headwaters of Mud Creek; thence in a southerly direction following the Findon road to where it intersects Highway No. 6; thence in a northwesterly direction following Highway No. 6 to the mouth of Cooper Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Cooper Creek to the National Forest boundary; thence in a westerly and northwesterly direction along the National Forest boundary to Section line between Sections 32 and 33, 10 East and 9 North; thence in a northerly direction between Section lines 32 and 33 to Highway No. 6; thence following Highway No. 6 in a westerly and southwesterly direction to the point of beginning.

**Mineral County.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Mineral County lying south of the Missoula River and east of the Little Saint Joe Game Preserve, shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Missoula, Granite and Powell Counties.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Missoula, Granite and Powell Counties lying within an area beginning at Drummond and following the Drummond-Helmville-Ovando road to Ovando; thence following the Big Blackfoot River in a westerly direction to Bonner; thence following Highway No. 10 in an easterly direction to Drummond, the point of beginning, shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from November 1 to November 15. both dates inclusive.
**(See Flathead)**

**Park County .**

**Early Season:** The drainage area of Slough Creek, Buffalo Fork and Hell Roaring Creek shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from September 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

An area adjoining the draniage area of Slough Creek on the east to the western point where Stillwater County line extending east along said county line to Carbon County; thence south along the line between Carbon and Park Counties to the State line; thence west along the State line to the drainage area of Slough Creek, shall be open to the hunting of elk from September 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Regular Season:** The regular open season on the hunting of elk of either sex in Park County extends from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and is closed from November 16 to December 15, both dates inclusive, and will open again December 16 to January 31, inclusive, with the provision that it may be closed by the State Game Warden on five days' notice.

**Powell County.**

**Open Area:** That area in Powell County beginning at Deer Lodge following Highway 10, South, north to Garrison; thence east along Highway 10 to Elliston; thence south following the Little Blackfoot River to the Divide at county line between Jefferson and Powell Counties; thence in a southerly direction along the county line between the two counties to the CCC road; thence in a westerly direction following the CCC road to the City of Deer Lodge, the point of beginning, dates to be November 10 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Open Area:** That area beginning at Drummond; thence following Highway 10 in an easterly direction to Avon; thence in a northwesterly direction following the Avon-Helmville highway to Helmville; thence in a southeasterly direction following the Helmville-Drummond road to Drummond to the point of beginning, dates to be from November 10 to November 15, both dates inclusive.
**(See Flathead)**

**Ravalli County.**

**Early Season:** That portion of Ravalli County that is drained by the West Fork of the Bitter Root River and in all that portion of the county lying west of the Bitter Root River and north of the confluence of the East and West Forks of said Bitter Root River shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from September 20 to October 20, both dates inclusive.

**Regular Season:** That portion of Ravalli County lying east of the Bitter Root River and including the drainage of the East Fork of the Bitter Root River shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Sanders County.**

**Open Area:** Sanders County, with the exception of game preserve, shall be open to the hunting of bull elk

only from November 3 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Silver Bow County and Deer Lodge County.**

**Open Area:** Starting at the confluence of Jerry Creek with the Big Hole River; thence in a northerly direction up Jerry Creek to its source; thence following the ditch north into Greenland Gulch; thence down Greenland Gulch to German Gulch; thence down German Gulch to its intersection with the B. A. & P. Railroad; thence in a northwesterly direction along the B. A. & P. Railroad to its confluence with the Anaconda-Ralston Road; thence in a southerly direction along said road to Ralston; thence down the Big Hole River to the point of beginning. The above described area shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, providing that when 100 elk have been taken the State Game Warden shall have the authority to close the season on this area on three days' notice.

**Teton County.**

**Open Area:** All of Teton County shall be open to the hunting of elk of either sex from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

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## 1941 DEER SEASON

**Deer Carcass to be Tagged:** Section 3685, Montana Fish and Game Laws— " . . . when any person shall take or kill any deer or elk under such license such person shall immediately thereafter detach from his license, and attach in plain sight to the carcass of said animal or animals, the proper tag, coupon or other marker, which said tag, coupon or other marker shall be kept attached thereto so long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains unconsumed."

**Report of Game Taken:** The report form as provided with big game license must be filled out and returned to the Fish and Game Commission, Helena, Montana, at the end of the big game season. This report to be filed whether game is taken or not. Failure to comply is a misdemeanor and punishable accordingly.

**General Deer Season: October 15th to November 15th, Both Dates Inclusive.**

**The Limit: One Male Deer with Horns Not Less Than Four Inches in Length Above the Top of the Skull.**

**It shall be unlawful to kill fawn deer in the State of Montana.**

**It shall be unlawful to kill female deer in the State of Montana unless otherwise specified by the State Fish and Game Commission.**

Unless otherwise specified in the following regulations, the season shall be October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive. EXCEPTIONS: (Note Ravalli County).

The following counties and parts of counties shall be closed to deer hunting: That part of Big Horn County lying east of the 107th Meridian, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon and also that portion of Gallatin County lying and being north of the south line of Township Four (4) North, M. P. M. Garfield, Hill, Liberty, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, and Yellowstone.

**Blaine County.**

**Open Area:** All that southern portion of Blaine County comprising the watershed of the Missouri River shall be open to the hunting of buck deer from October 15th to November 15th, both dates inclusive, and the remainder of the county is closed.

**Carbon County.**

**Open Area:** Only the following described areas shall be open to deer hunting: That portion of Carbon County that is bounded on the north by Grove Creek, on the west by the Line Creek Plateau, on the south by the Montana-Wyoming line, and on the east by the Clark's Fork River to the mouth of Grove Creek, shall be open to the hunting of deer from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, provided that the State Game Warden shall have authority to close said area upon five days' notice.

**Open Area:** That area in Carbon County beginning at the point known as Sand Ford Bridge on the East Rosebud River and following in a southeasterly direction along the Luther-Red Lodge road to where said road crosses Willow Creek, thence south along Willow Creek to a point where Willow Creek intersects the west line of Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, thence due south to the West Fork of Rock Creek, thence up the said West Fork of Rock Creek to the Summit of the Beartooth Plateau, thence in a southeasterly direction along said Summit to the Montana-Wyoming State line, thence west along said State line to the southwest corner of Carbon County, thence north along the west line of Carbon County, a distance of six miles, thence in a northeasterly direction to the head of the East Rosebud River, thence down the East Rosebud River, to the point of beginning, shall be open to the hunting of deer from October 15th to November 15th, both dates inclusive.

**Open Area:** All that portion of Carbon County lying east of Sage Creek shall be open to the hunting of deer from November 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Golden Valley County.**

**Closed Area:** All of Golden Valley County south of Township nine (9) shall be closed to the hunting of deer.

**Madison County.**

**Special Season:** That portion of Madison County draining into Madison River lying south of the Virginia City-Ennis road and west of the Madison River, and that portion of Madison County lying east and north of the Madison River, shall be open to the hunting of deer of both sex, exclusive of fawns, from October 15 to October 19, both dates inclusive, and shall be open to the hunting of buck deer only, from October 20 to November 15, both dates inclusive, with the provision that the State Game Warden shall have the authority to close the season on two days' notice.

**Meagher and Wheatland Counties.**

**Closed Season:** Beginning in Meagher County at the Martinsdale road Junction where Martinsdale road leaves Highway No. 6; thence south one mile of the South Fork of the Musselshell River; thence in an easterly direction to Big Timber-Melville road No. 19; thence south to a point one mile south of the American Fork; thence in an easterly direction to a point one mile south of the Musselshell River; thence in an easterly direction through Wheatland County one mile south all along river to the Golden Valley County line; thence north to Highway No. 6; thence in a westerly direction on Highway No. 6 to the Martinsdale Junction, the place of beginning, shall be closed to the hunting of deer during the 1941 season.

**Phillips County.**

**Open Area:** All that southern portion of Phillips County comprising the watershed of the Missouri River shall be open to the hunting of buck deer from October 15th to November 15th, both dates inclusive, and the remainder of county is closed.

**Ravalli County.**

**Early Open Season:** In all that portion of Ravalli County drained by the West Fork of the Bitter Root River, and in all that portion of Ravalli County lying west of the Bitter Root River and north of the confluence of the East and West Forks of said Bitter Root River, the open season for deer shall begin September 20 to October 20, both dates inclusive.

**Silver Bow County.**

**Closed Area:** That portion of Silver Bow County that is bounded on the east by the Continental Divide, on the south by Highways No. 10 and 91, on the west

by Highway No. 10 and on the north by the Silver Bow County line, shall be closed to the hunting of deer during the 1941 season.

**Stillwater County.**

**Open Area:** All of Stillwater County shall be open to the hunting of buck deer from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive, except:

**Closed Area:** That portion of Stillwater County lying north of a line running due west from Carbon County line through the town of Absarokee to the Julius Johnson Bridge, thence following the county road to the Sweet Grass County line;

**Closed Area:** That portion of Stillwater County lying east of the West Rosebud River from its source to the Allan Bridge.

**Closed Area:** A strip 500 feet in width along the west side of the road from the bridge crossing the West Rosebud River at the Allen Ranch to the power house of the Montana Power Company below Mystic Lake.

**Teton County.**

**Open Area:** The entire county shall be open to the hunting of buck deer from October 15 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

**Wheatland and Meagher Counties.**

**Closed Season:** Beginning in Meagher County at the Martinsdale road Junction where Martinsdale road leaves Highway No. 6; thence south one mile of the South Fork of the Musselshell River; thence in an easterly direction to Big Timber-Melville road No. 19; thence south to a point one mile south of the American Fork; thence in an easterly direction to a point one mile south of the Musselshell River; thence in an easterly direction through Wheatland County one mile south all along river to the Golden Valley County line; thence north to Highway No. 6; thence in a westerly direction on Highway No. 6 to the Martinsdale Junction, the place of beginning, shall be closed to the hunting of deer during the 1941 season.

## GOAT SEASON

With the exception of the following described areas, the entire State shall be closed to the hunting of Rocky Mountain Goats.

**Flathead, Lewis & Clark, Missoula and Powell Counties.**

**Open Area:** An area beginning near Java Guard Station at the point where the Great Northern Railway track crosses the Middle Fork of the Flathead River; thence up the Middle Fork River to the mouth of Long Creek; thence up Long Creek to the divide at Twin Peak; thence along the divide in an easterly direction to Horseshoe Peak; thence in a southeasterly direction along the divide to Gunsight Peak; thence in an easterly direction along the ridge north of Dean Creek to Pentagon Mountain; thence in a southerly direction down the East Fork of Pentagon Creek; thence down Pentagon Creek to its confluence with Spotted Bear River; thence up Spotted Bear River to the mouth of Wall Creek; thence up Wall Creek to the divide between Wall Creek and White River, thence in a westerly direction along the divide to Silver Tip Mountain; thence down Mid Creek in a westerly direction to its confluence with the South Fork of the Flathead River; thence in a northerly direction down the South Fork of the Flathead River to its confluence with Gorge Creek; thence in a westerly direction up Gorge Creek to Bunker Creek; thence up Bunker Creek to Thunder Bolt Mountain; thence in a southerly direction along the divide between the headwaters of the South Fork of the Flathead drainage and the Swan River known as the Swan Divide to Holland Peak; thence along the divide to Crescent Mountain; thence in an easterly direction following the watershed to the Continental Divide at Triple Divide; thence in a northerly direction along the Continental Divide to Marias Pass at Summit, Montana; thence along the Great Northern Railroad track in a westerly direction to the point of beginning, shall be open to the hunting of adult goats of either sex from September 15 to September 19, both dates inclusive, and closed from September 20 to October 14, both dates inclusive and shall open again October 15 until October 19, both dates inclusive.

**Ravalli County.**

**Open Area:** That portion of Ravalli County lying on the west side of the Bitter Root River, shall be open to the hunting of adult goats of either sex from October 11th to October 20th, both dates inclusive.

## 1941-42 BEAR REGULATIONS

**Closed Season:** November 16th to October 14th, both dates inclusive.

**Open Season:** October 15th to November 15th, both dates inclusive.

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A BIG GAME LICENSE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO HUNT OR TAKE BEAR.

The entire State, with the exception of the following described area, shall be open to the hunting of bear from October 15, 1941, to November 15, 1941.

**Flathead, Missoula and Powell Counties.**

**Closed Area:** The following described area shall be closed to the hunting of all bear:

Beginning at the point of confluence of the North Fork and South Fork of Sun River near Medicine Springs, thence in a southerly direction up the South Fork of Sun River past Camp Wellman to Loaf Creek, thence up Loaf Creek in a westerly direction to the Continental Divide at Sugarloaf Mountain; thence in a northwesterly direction along the Continental Divide to Twin Peaks Mountain; thence in a southwesterly direction following the watershed between Camp Creek and Cayuse Creek to Flatiron Mountain; thence up Young's Creek to the mouth of Marshall Creek; thence up Marshall Creek to Crescent Mountain, thence in a northwesterly direction along the divide between the headwaters of the South Fork drainage to the divide between the Swan River and the South Fork of the Flathead River, known as the Swan Divide; thence in a northerly direction along the Swan Divide to Holland Lookout; thence in a northeasterly direction down Smoky Creek to its confluence with Big Salmon Creek and down this stream through Big Salmon Lake to the South Fork of the Flathead River; thence northerly along this river a short distance to Damnation Creek and up Damnation Creek to Pagoda Mountain; thence northerly along the divide between White River and the South Fork of the Flathead River past Helen Mountain to Silver Tip Mountain; thence northeasterly past Ibex Mountain to Wall Creek and down Wall Creek to Spotted Bear River west of Table Hill; thence northerly up Pentagon Creek to Pentagon Mountain and down Clack Creek to the Middle Fork of the Flathead River near Gooseberry Park; thence downstream to Cox Creek and up this stream in a northeasterly direction past Beaver Lake to the Continental Divide near Muskrat Pass;

thence in a general southerly direction along the Continental Divide past Badger Pass, Big River Meadows, Corrugate Ridge and Teton Pass to Sun River Pass at the head of the North Fork of Sun River; thence in a southerly direction down the North Fork of Sun River to the point of beginning.

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During the open season on Bear, the limit shall be one bear per person per season, with the exception that it shall be unlawful to kill cub bears or female bear with cubs at their side. It shall be unlawful to use dogs in the hunting of bear with the exception of livestock owners, employees of the State Fish and Game Commission and of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service may use dogs in the pursuit of stock-killing bears, or other means of taking stock-killing bears, except the use of the dead fall, provided there is evidence that the bear has been destroying livestock.

## PENALTY

Persons violating any of the fish and game laws of the State of Montana or any order of the State Fish and Game Commission are subject to a fine and/or imprisonment of not less than $25.00 nor more than $500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

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The law provides that all devices used in the taking of game and fur-bearing animals, fish or game birds illegally, are subject to confiscation.

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The Migratory Waterfowl seasons and regulations as set by Federal authority are accepted and confirmed by the Montana State Fish and Game Commission.

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Minors under fifteen (15) years of age may pursue, hunt, shoot, kill, take and capture game birds and fish for and take fish, during the open season without a license. All persons under fifteen (15) years of age desiring to hunt big game must be in possession of a big game license.

Before lending your favorite Rod or Gun, make sure that the party has the proper license in his possession.

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A true sportsman will not take his full limit of fish each time he goes fishing.

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A true sportsman is considerate of other people's property.

## UNLAWFUL

To fish without a license on person.

To refuse to show license on demand.

To use more than one line or line and rod held in the hand.

To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.

To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit. (Non-resident's exempt.)

To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.

To use set-lines except in such waters as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.

To fish thru the ice or thru a hole in the ice, except in such waters as are designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.

To use minnows in the following counties and areas:

Flathead County and Flathead Lake, in its entirety; Lincoln County, in its entirety; the Boulder River above the Natural Bridge in Sweet Grass County; the Madison River from Meadow Dam to Yellowstone Park, including Meadow and Hebgen Lakes, in Gallatin and Madison Counties, and all waters tributary to the Gibson Reservoir in Lewis and Clark and Teton Counties.

To use or have in your possession a fish spear.

To use or have in your possession a hoop-net without proper permit.

To use or have in your possession a seine without proper permit.

To have more than five (5) game fish under seven (7) inches in length in your possession.

To hunt or kill game animals or game birds from an automobile or from or on any public highway.

To hunt or shoot, drive or flush any game birds, game animals or fur-bearing animals from an airplane.

To hunt game animals or game birds with a gun silencer in your possession.

To use artificial light, trap, snare or salt lick, or other device to entrap or to entice game animals.

To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

To destroy evidence of sex of deer.

To shoot fish with rifle or gun.